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REMARKS

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has amended Claims 2-8 to be consistent with Claim 1.

Applicants have withdrawn Claims 19-24.

Election/Restriction Requirements

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for examination:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a platform system, classified in class 52, subclass 51; and
- II. Claims 19-24, drawn to a method of installing the platform system, classified in class 264.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-18, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to proceed with prosecution of claims directed to the subject matter of Group II in one or more divisional patent applications.

The Examiner has also required election of one of the following alleged patentably distinct species:

- Species 1 - Figures 1A, 1B, 11 and 12;
- Species 2 - Figure 2;

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Species 3 - Figure 3A;
Species 4 - Figure 3B;
Species 5 - Figure 3C;
Species 6 - Figure 6;
Species 7 - Figure 7;
Species 8 - Figure 8;
Species 9 - Figure 9;
Species 10 - Figure 10;
Species 11 - Figures 13 and 14; and
Species 12- Figure 15.

The Examiner acknowledges that at least Claim 1 is currently generic.

Figs. 1A-3C illustrate a platform module of a modular platform system of the present invention as discussed, for example, beginning at paragraph [0049] of the subject application. Figs. 4 and 5 each illustrates a channel trolley that can be used with the platform module of Figs. 1A-3C, for example, to construct the modular platform system of the present invention. Figs. 6-10 and 15 illustrate a modular platform system including a plurality of platform modules, such as the platform modules illustrated in Figs. 1A-3C.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species 1, as identified by the Examiner. Applicant asserts that Claims 1-18 are readable thereon.

Conclusion

Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue or have any

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question, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

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